

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Santa Ana Region

June 24, 2005

ITEM: 7

SUBJECT: Appeal for an Exemption from the Grand Terrace Waste Discharge Prohibition for Subsurface Disposal Use, Leno Moreno, 12071 Rosedale Avenue, Grand Terrace, 30305 Allen Avenue, Homeland, Riverside County, APN 459-290-017

DISCUSSION:

Leno Moreno owns the property located at 12071 Rosedale Avenue, in the City of Grand Terrace. The lot size is 39,800 sq. ft. (0.91 acres). Mr. Moreno proposes to construct a single family home on his property and proposes the use of an on-site septic tank-subsurface disposal system as there is no sewer available to service his lot. The City of Grand Terrace has indicated the nearest sewer line to this property is approximately 398 feet away and that there are no plans to extend sewer service to the property.

On March 9, 1973, after extensive study and following public notice and a public hearing, the Regional Board adopted a waste discharge prohibition applicable to the use of septic systems in the Grand Terrace area of San Bernardino County. The Regional Board extended the effective date of the prohibition to July 1, 1976. After July 1, 1976, only those septic systems that are on one acre (net) or more and are more than 200 feet from the sewer are exempt from the waste discharge prohibition.

Mr. Moreno's property is located within the Grand Terrace prohibition area. The property is more than 200 feet from the nearest sewer line; however, the lot does not meet the one-acre criterion for an exemption from the waste discharge prohibition. Consequently, staff was required to deny Mr. Moreno's request for an exemption.

The construction of a sewer line from the lot for connection to the nearest available sewer would pose a significant financial burden on Mr. Moreno. The City of Grand Terrace has indicated that sewers will not be provided to this property. A soil percolation test indicates that the soil in the area is suitable for the use of a septic tank system. Staff believes that the use of septic tank-subsurface disposal system at the site would not significantly impact the quality of groundwater in the area.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Mr. Moreno's request for an exemption from the waste discharge prohibition applicable to the Grand Terrace area.

Comments were solicited from the following agencies:

State Water Resources Control Board, Office of Chief Counsel – Jorge Leon
City of Grand Terrace Building and Safety – Jerry Glander



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APPEAL TO THE REGIONAL BOARD FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM THE GRAND TERRACE WASTE DISCHARGE PROHIBITION FOR SUBSURFACE DISPOSAL SYSTEM USE, 12071 ROSEDALE, GRAND TERRACE, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, APN 0275-083-19

Dear Mr. Moreno:

This is in response to your request to appeal Regional Board staff's denial of an exemption from the minimum lot size requirement for subsurface disposal system use at the above-referenced site. Your appeal has been scheduled for consideration at the Board's June 24, 2005 meeting at the City Council Chambers of Loma Linda, 25541 Barton Road, Loma Linda. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. A copy of the staff report that will be presented to the Board regarding this matter and the agenda announcement for the meeting are enclosed.

During the meeting, you will have an opportunity to present your case to the Board. If you have any questions about the proceedings, please contact Jun Martirez at (951) 782-3258 or Susan Beeson at (951) 782-4902.

Sincerely,

for Joanne E. Schneider
Environmental Program Manager

Enclosures: Staff Report and Agenda Announcement

cc w/enc: State Water Resources Control Board, Office of Chief Counsel – Jorge Leon
City of Grand Terrace Building and Safety – Jerry Glander

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